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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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As per the Examiner's request, Applicant is providing herewith a substitute specification in both Marked-up and Clean versions. The following are the amendments appearing in the substitute specification:

The paragraph on page 1, lines 2-6, has been replaced with the following paragraph:

Benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) is claimed to U.S. patent 6,800,728, patent application No.: 09/815,978, filed March 22, 2001 entitled "HYDRAZINE-BASED AND CARBONYL-BASED BIFUNCTIONAL CROSSLINKING REAGENTS" which claims priority to U.S. provisional patent application No. 60/191,186, filed March 22, 2000, to Schwartz, entitled "NOVEL HYDRAZINE-BASED AND CARBONYL-BASED BIFUNCTIONAL CROSSLINKING REAGENTS." The disclosures of the above-referenced applications are incorporated herein in their entirety.

The paragraph on page 1, lines 11-17, has been replaced with the following paragraph:

Methods to crosslink biomolecules such as proteins, oligonucleotides and carbohydrates to each other, to radioactive and non-radioactive metal chelates, to drugs and to surfaces [[has]] have allowed development of both in vitro and in vivo diagnostic assays as well as in vivo therapies. A wide variety of methods have been developed and reviewed (Greg T. Hermanson, Bioconjugate Techniques, Academic Press).

The paragraph on page 4, lines 6 through 22, has been replaced with the following paragraph:

[[R<sup>11</sup>]], R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup>, R<sup>16</sup>, R<sup>17</sup>, R<sup>18</sup>, R<sup>19</sup> and R<sup>20</sup> can be substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from Z, wherein Z is selected from alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, hydroxy, S(O)<sub>h</sub>R<sup>30</sup>, NR<sup>30</sup>R<sup>31</sup>, COOR<sup>30</sup>, COR<sup>30</sup>, CONR<sup>30</sup>R<sup>31</sup>, OC(O)NR<sup>30</sup>R<sup>31</sup>, N(R<sup>30</sup>)C(O)R<sup>31</sup>, alkoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryloxy, heterocyclyloxy, aralkyl, aralkenyl, aralkynyl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkenyl,